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NEW SOVIET BLOC ARMS SHIPMENTS TO UAR

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A. There have been no significant Soviet bloc arms shipments to the UAR for more than a year, but Nasir has expressed extreme concern over Israel's success in obtaining modern equipment, especially recent receipt from France of additional Super Mysteres (advanced high-performance jet fighter aircraft). He is also aware that in the future Israel expects to obtain a number of Mirage III-C's (the new delta-wing super-sonic French jet fighter).

B. We anticipate that substantial additional quantities of up-to-date Soviet bloc equipment will move to the UAR within the next few months and that these will include the first shipment outside the bloc of MIG-19s (Soviet jet fighters comparable in performance to Israel's Super Mysteres).

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